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SUBJECT: FISHING: JUNE ICNAF CONFERENCE

1. DURING COMMONS QUESTION PERIOD OF MAY 9, MP MARSHALL (P.C., NEWFOUNDLAND) DIRECTED THE FOLLOWING TO FISHERIES MINISTER LEBLANC: "THE MINISTER INDICATED AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE THAT HE WAS REQUESTING NATIONS TO CUT THEIR QUOTAS BY 40 PER CENT. I WONDER IF THE MINISTER OBTAINED THAT AGREEMENT; ALSO CAN HE TELL THE HOUSE WHAT ACTION HE TOOK TO DISCUSS THE REDUCTION OF QUOTAS WITH CERTAIN NATIONS AND IF HE IS GOING TO SHOW LEADERSHIP IN THE SO-CALLED ICNAF COUNCIL AND DISCUSS THIS MATTER."

2. MINISTER LEBLANC RESPONDED: "WHAT I SAID AT GENEVA WAS WHAT WILL BE PROPOSED TO THE ICNAF MEETING NEXT JUNE IN EDINBURGH, WHICH IS THAT FOREIGN FLEETS, BUT NOT THOSE OF CANADA, SHOULD REDUCE THEIR EFFORT BY 40 PER CENT. WE WILL GO TO THIS CONFERENCE WITH A VERY CLEAR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. I TALKED TO SOME OF THE KEY DELEGATIONS AT GENEVA ABOUT THIS VERY QUESTION AND ASKED FOR THEIR UNDERSTANDING. I MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT IF WE ARE ASKED TO BE PATIENT, AT LEAST ICNAF WILL BE AN AREA WHERE WE WILL SEE SOME REAL PROGRESS."

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